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In re the Application of:

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MANUFACTURING

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Date: **MARCH 16, 2006**

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated December 20, 2005.

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